

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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Hesketh <i>et al.</i>	)	Art Unit: 1656
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Application No.: 10/561,734	)	Examiner: Anand U. Desai
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Filing Date: June 12, 2006	)	Confirmation No.: 7801
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For: PROTEIN EXPRESSION SYSTEM	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, which set forth three-month period for reply, *i.e.*, November 17, 2009, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination with the corresponding fee, and a Petition for an Extension of Time with the corresponding fee to extend the period for reply by two months, *i.e.*, to January 17, 2010. Applicants believe that this Amendment and Response is timely filed as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed on Monday, January 18, 2010 for a federal holiday. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.